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"Fired Our Last Verrey Light" Dakota Survivors' Rescue Drama Story JUST IN TIME

"WE FIRED OUR LAST VERREY CARTRIDGE JUST AS WE SAW THE NAVIGATION LIGHTS OF H.M.S. TENACIOUS," SAID FLIGHT LIEUTENANT RICHARD HENDAL, ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF FRI DAY'S DAKOTA MISHAP, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "CHINA MAIL" LAST NIGHT. FLIGHT LIEUT. HENDAL WAS THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SIX SURVIVORS, WHO WERE BROUGHT SAFELY INTO HONG KONG BOARD TENACIOUS IN THE COURSE OF THE AFTER NOON.

HIMMLER WAS YELLOW

NUERNBERG, JAN. 6. HEINRICH HIMMLER, THE ONCE DREADED CHIEF OF THE S.S. GUARD, WAS PICTURED TO-DAY AS A FUMBLING COWARD WHO "SLOWLY CAME APART" AND SPENT THE LAST DAYS OF HIS LIFE AS A SHIVERING WRECK WITH A VIAL OF POISON CONSTANTLY AT HIS FINGERTIPS.

Quo Ohlendorf, Himmler's former aide, said in an interview that the former Gestapo Chief lived in a tiny cottage on the outskirts of Nuremberg during the final days of the Third Reich and hoped in vain to make a deal which would save his life. Himmler committed suicide on May 23, 1945, three days after his capture by the British, by swallowing the contents of his poison vial.

Ohlendorf, a witness at the war crimes trial, said that Himmler sent Walter Schellenberg, Chief of the Foreign Intelligence Service for the Security Police, to Sweden to try and convince the western powers that the S.S. was the only group remaining which could maintain order in Germany.

Ohlendorf said: "I was a bit of a coward, and I was built on saving myself through artificial intrigue but always with a vial of potassium cyanide at his finger tips."

Ohlendorf said Himmler once plotted in a climb to power to overthrow Hitler but he was turned back by four of Hermann Goering's associates.

Lorry-Tramcar Collision

A collision between a motor lorry and a tramcar occurred in Queen's Road East near Arsenal Street yesterday afternoon, fortunately with no casualties, though several passengers suffered shock. The tram was travelling towards the east at full speed when the lorry, coming out of Arsenal Street, smashed into it head on. The front of the tram was badly damaged.

Traffic was held up for 20 minutes, before the tram was taken in tow and taken back to the depot for repair.

A similar accident occurred at about 8 p.m. on Saturday, when another tram was damaged as the result of a collision with a Naval truck outside the Royal Naval Dockyard in Queen's Road East.

HUGE FIRES RAGE IN SAIGON

Saigon, Jan. 6. The British Authorities revealed to-day that six out of twenty-four warehouses—unofficially estimated to contain 20,000 metric tons of rubber—were involved in a fire caused by Nationalists when they attacked the dumps guarded by Japanese outside the British perimeter near Bien Hoa, 18 miles Northeast of Saigon.

Both Japanese and Nationalist suffered casualties. Several other fires, observed near Saigon, are also believed to be in warehouses containing rubber and fears are growing that the destruction of rubber by the Nationalists may have a most serious effect on Indo-China's future economy.—Reuter.

He declined to discuss the circumstances of the mishap, pointing out that there would, in the normal course of events, be an official inquiry, but he was able to tell how the plane was "ditched" at 9.10 a.m. on Friday morning, in a very heavy sea, and how they spent 11½ exhausting hours in the water until 8.45 p.m. when they were rescued by H.M.S. Tennacious.

By this time, it was pitch dark, all six of the survivors were too feeble to help themselves, and although Tennacious threw out two lines, they had eventually to be pulled on board.

DINGHIES LASHED TOGETHER

The six survivors—Flight-Lieutenant Hendal, Flying-Officer John Tuck, W.O. "Spud" Taylor, Flight-Sergeant Brian Jones, Sub-Lieut. W.D. Bennett, R.N., and L.A.C. G. Jaan, an Australian Chinese—were found clinging to three dinghies, lashed together for safety, with such heavy seas that along side the destroyer they were on moment 25 feet below her and the next up to within two feet of her deck.

"Another two hours, and we wouldn't have had a chance," Flight-Lieut. Hendal told the "China Mail".

The crashed roughly 175 miles to the south-west of Hong Kong, but drifted a considerable distance and when picked up were within 25 miles of Hainan Island.

PHILIP PRAISE

Once aboard "Tennacious" they were given hot drinks, pyjamas and a vigorous rub-down, and all were full of praise for the attention they received. "We were wonderfully treated and now are scarcely a bit worse for the experience."

On arrival in Hong Kong, the Air Force members of the party went to the Arlington Hotel, and straight to bed, while Sub-Lieut. Bennett went on board H.M.S. Duke of York.

BIG HAUL BY ARMED ROBBERS

A haul of money and jewellery estimated at \$10,000 was gathered when six armed robbers forced an entrance into No. 1, Gap Road, shortly after 8 p.m. last night.

A Milder Spell

To-day's weather forecast:—Breezy at first, becoming fair in the afternoon; light easterly winds; outlook, becoming cloudy and milder.

Yesterday's temperatures were: Maximum: 69 degrees at 6 p.m. Minimum: 48 degrees at 6 a.m.

H.K. And Canton: Customs Duties

A CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION IN CANTON RENDERS LIABLE TO EXPORT DUTY ALL GOODS EXPORTED TO HONG KONG BY SHIPS OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE GOODS.

The same notification stipulates that all imports from Hong Kong, irrespective of the origin of the goods or the nationality of the ship carrying the goods, are liable to import duty.

Native or foreign goods exported by Chinese vessels from Canton to another Chinese port, passing through Hong Kong without transshipment, are, however, ex-

CAIRO SHOOTING

Cairo, Jan. 6. The former Egyptian Finance Minister, Osman Pasha, was wounded to-night by an unknown assailant who shot him in the shoulder, as he was entering the "Old Egyptian Club." Two shots were fired at him.

Pasha is now a member of the Egyptian Senate.

Manila Troops Protest

Manila, Jan. 6. A War Department announcement that shipments of men home would be reduced by half, angered soldiers to-day until military police had to break up at least one protest march.

Other servicemen's groups planned to carry their protests personally to congressional committees which are scheduled to visit Manila on Pacific tours. Half a dozen outlets issued mimeographed calls for action by enlisted men, urging a concerted campaign of letters to Congress.

Several thousand men started to march to the headquarters of Lieut.-Gen. W.D. Syer, commander of army forces in the western Pacific, but they were dispersed by M.P.'s before reaching their goal. The Military Police broke up the mob on Quezon Bridge where traffic was held up for half an hour. Associated Press.

SLIM SUMMERVILLE PASSES

Laguna Beach, Calif., Jan. 6. George "Slim" Summerville, 54, famous motion picture actor and director died at his home last night.

Summerville was once a member of the famed Keystone Company and featured in a series of comedies. Associated Press.

Unmarried Mother M. P. To Carry On

COPENHAGEN, JAN. 6. MISS INGER MERETE NORDENTOFT, UNMARRIED MOTHER-TO-BE AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WILL RETAIN HER SCHOOL TEACHING JOB, BUT WILL TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNTIL AFTER HER BABY IS BORN IN APRIL. COPENHAGEN'S SCHOOL DIRECTOR SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD DECIDED TO RETAIN THE 42-YEAR-OLD MISS NORDENTOFT IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. SHE IS PRINCIPAL OF ONE OF THE CITY'S LARGEST SCHOOLS.

Miss Nordentoft, who threatened to appeal to the highest court if the Board suspended her, said: "I feel that, by not trying to hide anything and by letting the authorities decide, I have done something to help other unmarried women who want children."

The Director of Schools said the Board will decide whether to reassign Miss Nordentoft to another school or to leave her at her present job when she returns from her leave.

Only recently elected as a Communist Member of Parliament, Miss Nordentoft was informed of the Board's decision during a pause between two meetings of Parliament.

"I am very glad to hear about the School Board's decision," she said. "However, ever since this case started I have had the same feeling I had when I was informed by the Germans: I know I was right so it did not matter so much what the authorities decided."

NO NERVES

Asked if the case had unnerved her, the school teacher said, "absolutely not. You know, when you have had Germans in the country for five years you almost lose your nerves, and anyway they have played no role in this case."

"I do not think the question if I was right to get my child in a question that concerns the public," she said. "That will be something my child and I will discuss sometime. But since the story has been so widely printed, I must admit that I am not sorry I am playing the main role." Associated Press.

CHINA CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT

CHUNGKING, JAN. 6. CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE PROCEDURE FOR ENDING HOSTILITIES AND RESTORING COMMUNICATIONS IN STRIFE-TORN CHINA, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID TO-DAY.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH FACTIONS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO CONFER ON STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE "CEASE FIRE" ARRANGEMENTS. GENERAL MARSHALL, THE SPECIAL AMERICAN ENVOY, CONFERRED YESTERDAY WITH LEADERS OF BOTH FACTIONS IN PAVING THE WAY FOR THE ACCORD.

The agreement, which may be of far-reaching consequence to China, was reached in a 75-minute conference. Information Minister K. C. Wu said Gen. Chiang Chun, governor of Szechwan Province, would represent the Government and Chou En-lai the Communist party in further conferences on the ending of hostilities.

All quarters consider General Marshall's presence in Chungking to be a strong contributing factor to the outcome of yesterday's meeting.

If effected before the unity conference which is scheduled to open on January 10, the prospective truce would be a happy augury for the conference, which will try to settle all outstanding issues between the Government and Communists and clear the road for unification and the peaceful reconstruction of China.

Those issues cover a wide field of Communist demands: maintenance of an army by the Communists, the widening of the government's political base, elections before the convening of the national assembly, the continuance of Communist local authority in sectors where they now dominate, and other points. Associated Press.

NO DETAILS

Minister Wu said the Communist request for lifting of the blockade of Communist areas and halting of the Government troops' thrust into local was raised at the meeting, but declined to give details. (Continued on Page 6)

NAZI 'WEREWOLVES' PROWLING BAVARIA

MUNICH, JAN. 6. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT WEREWOLVES ARE AT WORK IN BAVARIA. IN MORE THAN ONE PLACE RECENTLY, THE WEREWOLF BADGE—A PLASTIC CIRCLE WITH A WOLF'S HEAD AND THE LETTER "W"—HAS BEEN FOUND.

HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE MEN HAVE BEEN MURDERED. SOME OF THEM WERE AMERICANS. OTHERS WERE KNOWN AS ANTI-NAZIS.

The whole territory is a mass of rumours—rumours on the possibility of war between Britain and the United States and the Soviet Union, with Germany as the ally of one or the other, rumours that the Red Army is to take over the whole of Bavaria rumours that the Soviet Union intends to occupy the whole of Germany and drive out the Allies by force, if necessary, rumours that the Americans, who have their own food sent from home are to "live off the country" and cause a famine in Bavaria, the only comparatively well-fed area in Germany.

Dr. Earl Hoegner, the Social Democrat Minister-President of Bavaria, says that these rumours can be directly attributed to the Nazis who state them so cleverly that the most fantastic rumours sound feasible and are believed even by intelligent people.

DISQUIETING ACTIVITY

He described the activities of the Nazis, who have been driven underground as a result of stringent measures to round them up and denazify the territory, as "very dangerous and disquieting." That there are numbers of old Nazi stalwarts who escaped the net spread for them by the Americans as they pushed south into Bavaria and Austria in the last days of the advance, he said, was only too obvious.

Over and over again, prisoners giving evidence at the Dachau trial, for example, have told how they were forced to haul southwards trucks containing luggage belonging to Nazi S.S. and other high party officials.

In every instance, the luggage contained civilian clothes, presumably for the owners to don when they reached a place of safety.

NEVER CAUGHT

Large numbers of these men have never been caught. It may be supposed that they took care to provide themselves not only with sufficient sums of ready cash stowed away in suitable hiding places but also with false identity papers and means to pass themselves off as good anti-Nazis.

While denazification is proceeding apace in Bavaria, and the law ordering the automatic dismissal of every Nazi Party member from any administrative post he may hold is being carried out, no means has yet been found to deal effectively with the hundreds and thousands of Party members thus discharged.

Angry and embittered, they swell the ranks of the Nazis who have gone underground and may, sooner or later, become a considerable force with whom the occupying forces will have to reckon.

The American authorities and the German police are at present studying earnestly the problem of how to prevent those Germans from going underground, whence they can continue to spread Nazi doctrine and direct activity which at present takes the form of sabotage and subtle propaganda and a whispering campaign against the occupying forces.—Reuter.

Lead Us To Melbourne

SYDNEY, JAN. 6. IN THE WINDSOR HOTEL, MELBOURNE, THERE IS A BARMAN, CYRIL O'BRIEN, WHO CAN PULL AND SERVE 1,000 POTS OF BEER AN HOUR, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY A PINT, A POT THUS COMES UP EVERY 3.6 SECONDS, SO THAT CYRIL IS REGARDED WITH SOME FAVOUR BY PATRONS.

But now Cyril is being challenged—by two barmaids in Sydney where behind the bar of the Plaza Hotel, Billie Williams declares: "Fetch O'Brien here and we will have a competition. I can serve a customer every five seconds and empty an eight-gallon keg in 28 to 30 minutes." Said Gladys Sheppard the other barmaid: "I can do the same."

O'Brien's employer offered £100 to charity if any other hotelkeeper could beat Cyril's record. It is claimed that O'Brien can hold seven pots at a time.

A Liquor Union official said that the Melbourne pots have handles and are easier to hold than the glasses used in Sydney.—Reuter.

Russia Jibs At Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TO-DAY THAT RUSSIA HAS NOTIFIED THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WILL NOT SIGN THE BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENT UNTIL IT HAS HAD MORE TIME TO STUDY THEM.

The informant said that this stand was made known to the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Averell Harriman.

Up to to-day, thirty-five countries have signed the agreement which sets up a multi-million dollar bank and a Fund to stabilize world currencies.

In order to join the organization now, Russia must first get the approval of a Bretton Woods board of directors yet to be appointed.—Associated Press.

HARRIMAN RUMOUR

Washington, Jan. 6. The President's Press Secretary, Charles G. Ross, said to-day that as far as he knew Mr. Averell Harriman had not resigned as Ambassador to Russia and added that he knew of no plans to replace him.

His observations were in response to questions about published reports that Harriman is expected to return to the United States with prospects that he will not go back to Moscow.—Associated Press.

MAFEO CRITICALLY WOUNDED

A mafio from the Jockey Club stables, understood to be a Shanghai man was critically wounded last night in King Kwong Street, Happy Valley. He was shot by an unknown Chinese at about 7 p.m. and was taken to hospital in a dangerous condition.

Only one shot was fired and the bullet entered the abdomen.

AN AFTER BREAKFAST STORY

Katagaya, Jan. 6. American military officers to-day said that trial will begin in a few days of a woman accused of slaying, disfiguring and serving at dinner her 17-year-old female step-daughter.

Captain James H. Hebertson said the extreme case of cannibalism occurred on March 20, 1945 and was prompted by hunger of the woman who was already mentally warped. Associated Press.

Girls Weren't Smuggled But Just Went

Manila, Jan. 6. Maj.-Gen. Clements McMullen, Far East air service commander, told the Associated Press to-day that 16 Australian girls were brought to Manila to meet an acute personnel problem caused by the sudden return home of all enlisted women serving under his command.

"They were not 'smuggled,'" he asserted, in replying to reports that the Australian Premier had used that expression in calling for an investigation. "The girls were all clerical employees in our Brisbane rear echelon headquarters."

He explained the girls were brought to Manila without passports because it takes too long to obtain them. He said pre-arranged departure from Brisbane is a common procedure to enable transport planes to make the long trip in two days avoiding night flying.

He said the girls would be returned to Australia as soon as the air service command training school trains enough Filipino women to take over key positions. Associated Press.

Love Triangle Tragedy

Enid, Oklahoma, Jan. 6. An eulogy prepared by an unnamed body in honor of the generosity of Captain Eugene Dale to his men during his imprisonment following the fall of Bataan was read at the funeral services for the 27-year-old officer.

The young Ministerial student who read the eulogy, and conducted the services, the Reverend James Brown, omitted to mention the cause of the Captain's death from gun shots received in a New York City apartment, as a result of a love triangle.

Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, the woman in the triangle, accompanied by the Captain's mother, Mrs. C. E. Dale, attended the service.

Captain Archie Miller is the estranged husband now awaiting trial for homicide.

Dale was buried in uniform, including his multiple decorations. Associated Press.

Truman Criticised As A Leftist

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS ACCUSED YESTERDAY BY A SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER WITH HAVING TURNED FROM BELIEF IN FREE ENTERPRISE TO "LEFT WING" ECONOMIC VIEWS.

Senator Taft, Ohio Republican, declared: "Half the Democrats and most Republicans" in Congress disagree with the domestic views outlined in the President's address to the nation because "he has chosen to follow the C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organisation) course on every economic measure except his fact-finding labour proposal."

Taft added that, as a result, "the Democratic Party was hopelessly split" and the President's legislative recommendations are stalled despite the Party's majority in Congress and in the committees which control the flow of legislation.

Taft's broadest statement was in reply to President Truman's radio appeal on Thursday night for the people to apply pressure on Congress in behalf of legislation which the President said was vital.

Many congressmen expressed resentment against what they interpreted as criticism of Congress by the President. Some Democrats joined in the criticism of Truman's address.—Associated Press.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

New York, Jan. 6. The Fordham University seismograph to-day recorded a severe earthquake, estimated to have been between the Solomon Islands and Burma. Associated Press.

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BREITON WOODS

Reuter's refusal to implement the Bretton Woods agreement until the U.S. had more time to study the implications of the plan, is not a new development. Such action is not surprising. Even the most ardent supporters of Bretton Woods in Great Britain, while wholly in favour of the plan, are not in favour of the U.S. Government's refusal to implement the plan until the U.S. has more time to study the implications of the plan. Such action is not surprising. Even the most ardent supporters of Bretton Woods in Great Britain, while wholly in favour of the plan, are not in favour of the U.S. Government's refusal to implement the plan until the U.S. has more time to study the implications of the plan.

Independence Of Outer Mongolia

Chungking, Jan. 6. The Chinese Foreign Office today announced that China has recognised the independence of Outer Mongolia which voted for independence in a plebiscite provided under the terms of the recent Sino-Soviet Treaty.

A Chungking Mystery

Chungking, Jan. 6. Communist quarters alleged yesterday that a messenger boy delivering invitations to a cocktail party which Chou En-lai, leader of the Communist delegation here, is giving on January 7 has disappeared.

RICKSHA TO DISAPPEAR

Chungking, Jan. 6. The humble ricksha, for long the only means of vehicular transport for millions of Chinese, might disappear from the streets of this country if plans reported afoot mature.

CORRESPONDENCE

CHINESE IN JAPAN

Sir,—Regarding the situation of Chinese residents still remaining in Kobe, Yokohama, Tokyo in Japan, a meeting was called at the Cafe de Luxe yesterday, as the result of which the Secretary to the Diplomatic Commission in Hongkong was requested to wire to Mr. Chan Hing-wan in Chungking to arrange the most necessary relief to all Chinese merchants with families, and students.

I have also the pleasure to inform you that Mr. Young, elder son of the P. & O. Comptroller in Kobe, is now in Shanghai to find similar urgently needed ways and means to help the Chinese in Japan.

Many thanks for your concession in publishing the above. TSANG KWOK WAH.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

"Wallaby." Since your letter was written, the matter has been attended to.

U.S. policy permit the repayment of American loans? Will European reconstruction permit the production of goods for the repayment of borrowings? Is it possible to make sure of more favourable answers to these questions than last time without conscious planning—reconstruction and international investment according to national needs and abilities?

Hong Kong and Canton

Gen. Chang Fah-kwei On Problems Ahead

The King's Theatre was packed to capacity by over 1,000 members of the Chinese community yesterday morning to give a rousing welcome to General Chang Fah-kwei, the G.O.C. of the Chinese 2nd Front Army in Canton.

Mr. Chan So, head of the local Kuomintang, was in the chair, and in a short speech of welcome said that General Chang was one of China's outstanding military leaders, a veteran of many campaigns, and one who has to his credit a proud record of achievements extending from the time of the Northern Expedition to the successful conclusion of the war of resistance.

Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce also spoke in a similar vein. General Chang Fah-kwei was loudly applauded when he rose to reply. After thanking the audience for the warmth of their welcome, he said that he was here on a twofold mission. First he was returning the recent calls of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, Rear-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, H.E. the Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Lord Fraser, and the Hong Kong G.O.C., General Frank Feistling. Secondly he was here to enquire after the Chinese community who have survived the rigours and privations of enemy occupation.

NEXT PHASE

Now that the war was over, said General Chang, the next phase of the struggle was in the field of reconstruction and rehabilitation, and it was here that the interests of Hong Kong and Canton were indissolubly interlinked, for the two places were so bound up in almost every way that one possibly could not exist without the other. He urged the people to pull together in the prosecution of the all-important task ahead of them, that of rebuilding a New China.

The General gave a comprehensive review of events in Kwangtung since its liberation, and the progress that has been made in restoring peace and order and in returning to normalcy. He frankly acknowledged that results had not been satisfactory, due to many factors beyond his control, the chief of which was the economic distress so widely prevalent among the mass of the people. They had been impoverished by eight years of warfare, and though peace had returned, and though they wanted to rebuild their homes, re-till their farms, restart their trades and businesses, they had not the money to do so.

ORDERED SOCIETY

"The first prerequisite of an ordered society is economic stability and an assured means of livelihood. This condition is sadly lacking, and it is clearly the duty of the Government to afford relief to this distressed and financially accommodated to the people for rehabilitating the wherewithal for them to earn a livelihood as honest citizens," said the General.

He continued: "I am charged with the duty of suppressing banditry in the province, but how can I shoot people who have been reduced by economic necessity to steal for a living, debarred as they are from every means of earning an honest living in the present economic chaos?"

DINNER PARTY

At 4 o'clock the General was guest of honour at a dinner party

BRITISH TASK FORCE SCHEDULE

Tokyo, Jan. 6. A British task force officer at Allied headquarters reported today on the scheduled movements of ships in Task Force 57, the British squadron in Japanese waters.

The New Zealand cruiser Achilles will be relieved by H.M.S. Argonaut about January 8 and will return to Hong Kong. The destroyers Undaunted and Ursa sailed on Friday for Manus, in the Admiralty Islands, and Sydney. The destroyer Uchida will join the Task Force on January 10. The minesweeper Minxman will hold for Shanghai and Hong Kong about January 9. Associated Press.

given by leading members of the Chinese commercial community at the Tai Tung Restaurant, at which over 150 people were present. Mr. Tung Chung-wai, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the distinguished visitor, and in his reply General Chang compared the progress of rehabilitation work in Hong Kong and Canton, and said that the reason for the greater advances made by the former was due in great part to economic help and subsidy from the Government. The people of Kwangtung were without this form of help, and he called upon the leaders in Hong Kong to render all assistance, and to co-operate with leaders in Canton in the work of rebuilding their native province.

After the dinner General Chang Fah-kwei attended a cocktail party at Government House in his honour, and in the evening he was the guest of Sir Robert Ho Tung at dinner.

He is scheduled to return to Canton this morning by plane.

HO YING-CHIN'S LONDON TRIP

Chungking, Jan. 6. General Ho Ying-chin, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Army, is scheduled to return to Chungking from the coast before proceeding to London to attend the coming conference of the Big-Five Chiefs of Staff.

General Pei Chung-shi, Deputy Chief of Staff, will be acting Commander-in-Chief during Ho Ying-chin's absence.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced here that, owing to pressure of his official duties, Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chih might not be able to proceed to London in time for the opening of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation on January 10.

BANDITS EXECUTED

Chungking, Jan. 6. A Canton dispatch reported yesterday that four notorious bandit chieftains who collaborated with Japanese forces during the occupation of Kwangtung province were executed on Friday by order of Gen. Chang Fah-kwei, the Central Government's military leader in Kwangtung.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN TO EQUIP DUTCH NAVY

London, Jan. 6. The Royal Netherlands Navy will equip its air arm with British planes, a joint statement by the Dutch Admiralty and the Fairley Aviation Company said today. An undisclosed number of reconnaissance fighters will be delivered to the Netherlands this month. The "Firefly" first aircraft to fly over Tokyo, is designed for operation from carriers.—Associated Press.

DELEGATION DEPARTS

The delegation of Chinese business men from Singapore, who arrived here a short time ago, have arranged for shipment of essential goods and foodstuffs to relieve the shortage in Malaya, have now left the Colony.

Two members went by the s.s. "Wing Sang" to Swatow, and the remaining four members left by plane yesterday for Canton.

SINGAPORE SHIPMENT

Chinese shippers are busily making preparations to get off shipments to Singapore by the s.s. "City of Eastbourne" which is expected to sail on or about Jan. 11.

The quantity is expected to be larger than that of the shipment by the "Empire Allerton" which took approximately 2,000 tons.

Chungking, Jan. 6. The Government is reported to have decided to establish eight National Universities in Manchuria, in each province, except Heilungkiang.—Associated Press.

CHENNAULT RUMOURS

Chungking, Jan. 6. Reports that General Claire L. Chennault is on his way to China have revived long-standing rumours that he will be appointed air adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Official confirmation is, however, unobtainable.—Associated Press.

Marquis Denies He Is Franco's Messenger

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 6. A source close to Don Juan, pretender to the Spanish throne, said yesterday that Don Juan would meet the Marquis Luca de Tena, owner of the Madrid Newspaper "A.B.C.," who is reported on route to the pretender's home in Lausanne with a letter from Generalissimo Franco.

Meanwhile, in Paris, Luca denied the report and told the Associated Press: "It is absurd to think I could be carrying a message from Franco to Don Juan."

He said the reason for his trip to Switzerland was to ask Don Juan to serve as honorary sponsor at the marriage of his daughter in Madrid.

The Marquis added that restoration of the Monarchy was the only solution for Spain, but "unfortunately that restoration does not seem immediate because of the opposition of the present regime." A return of the republic, he warned, "would lead to a new civil war."—Associated Press.

Harbin Taken Over

Peiping, Jan. 6. The municipal government of Harbin has been taken over by Mayor Yung Chou-shu in the name of the Central Chinese Government, a delayed dispatch from Manchuria reported today. In the absence of the new mayor, police and Soviet troops for maintenance of order. His staff is limited to key men. Many municipal employees who served during the Soviet and Japanese occupations continue to hold their posts, at least temporarily.

The Central Bank of China opened its Harbin branch, and will issue special Manchurian currency, which will be exchanged over with Japanese puppet notes. Air movement of Chinese Government troops to Harbin, Mukden and Changchun from North China faced new delays due to bad weather and the freezing waves. Field headquarters said some troops may be flown to the three key cities this week.—Associated Press.

A NEW IDEA IN HOUSE-HUNTING

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6. Marine veterans of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps and merchant marine joined to solve their housing problems. Each paid \$400 as down payment on a 10-family apartment house, which will cost them \$28,000.

"We simply got tired of looking for a home," John Tierney, former marine lieutenant and the group's spokesman, said. As to present civilian occupants of the apartment.

"We're awfully sorry," Tierney said, "but we're tired of living in slums."—Associated Press.

EAGLE SQUADRON LEADER PASSES

London, Jan. 6. Robert Sweeney, one of the founders of the Eagle Squadron, composed of Americans who fought with the R.A.F. before the United States entered the war, has died in London, who was 53, had lived in Great Britain many years.—Associated Press.

FIRST CHANCE FOR WAR VETERANS

Washington, Jan. 6. Legislation to give war veterans higher priorities to purchase surplus government property was proposed today by Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat. He said he would introduce the measure in Congress shortly.—Associated Press.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 6. The threatened Jamaican sugar strike has been noticed. The sugar manufacturers have agreed to pay £135,000 extra wages for the "control" crop.—Reuter.

STATE DEPT. CHALLENGED

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6.

MR. CHRISTOPHER CHANCELLOR, GENERAL MANAGER OF REUTERS, TO-NIGHT CHALLENGED IN A 3,000 WORD STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT WHAT HE DEPLORED AS ATTEMPTS BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO "SMEAR" REUTERS AS A BRITISH PROPAGANDA ORGANISATION. THE STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AT MR. CHANCELLOR'S REQUEST FOLLOWING THE APPEARANCE OF A BOOKLET PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON "POST-WAR INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED STATES."

The booklet, written by Dr. Arthur MacMahon, the State Department special consultant, was distributed in advance for release last Saturday but the release was postponed at the last hour for a week as a result of a strong written protest lodged by Paul Scott Rankine, Reuter's chief correspondent in Washington, on Mr. Chancellor's instructions.

In the name of "honesty, decency and fair dealing," Mr. Rankine called on the State Department to delay the release so that "Reuters may have time to study in detail the allegations and to present documentary evidence in the refutation of them."

Earlier, a verbal request for postponement had been rejected. Reuters alone of all news agencies was given a special section in a chapter headed "Press Communications," containing statements by Dr. MacMahon and footnotes from American officials in four parts of the world.

After a point by point reply to the allegations, Mr. Chancellor declared: "A great principle is at stake... what I feel to be absolutely deplorable is that in advancing the case for the United States post-war propaganda activities, Dr. MacMahon should seek deliberately to smear an organisation which, although it may happen to be British represents a high conception."

Mr. Chancellor stressed the gravity of Dr. MacMahon's charges which he said: "Impugn the integrity not only of myself but of all my colleagues—professional newsmen in Reuters and no exclusive rights to these lines but it so happened that Reuters had operated in India for more than 70 years and that American news agencies did not make a serious attempt to lay down a complete news service in India until the World War."

"Owing to the exigencies of this particular period, there was a shortage of lines and equipment and Reuters chance to have the advantage of lines under contract. Is this a crime?"

To the statement that pressure from the Office of War Information had caused Reuters to give more complete coverage of American news for India, Mr. Chancellor replied: "I am absolutely amazed if such pressure has existed. I fear we have been quite unconscious of it."

"I am glad that the O.W.I. seems satisfied with the Reuters coverage of American news for Indian newspapers. But I fear that the O.W.I. is guilty of self-history if it thinks itself in any way responsible."—Reuter.

SCOTTISH CHURCH LEADER VISITING H.K.

The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Very Rev. C. W. G. Taylor, D.D., is expected to arrive in Hong Kong in the near future in the course of a tour of South-East Asian Command visiting Scottish troops.

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China's 60th Army To Go To Manchuria

Shanghai, Jan. 6. China's new 60th Army, American-trained and largely American-equipped, will start on its way to Manchuria aboard U.S. ships in a week or ten days, Lieut-General Wedemeyer, Commander-in-Chief, of the American forces in China, disclosed to-day at a press conference.

He said the U.S. Navy was making a large number of L. S. T.s and other craft available for transportation of approximately 20,000 men from the Shanghai area to the port of Hulutao and if weather conditions prevented landing there they would be debarked to Chingwangtao where the Chinese 12th and 62nd armies were put ashore nearly two months ago. These troops have advanced overland into Manchuria with little Communist opposition.

The tough new 60th Army is now being prepared for the move, fitted with winter equipment and being inoculated.

Wedemeyer said the new troops will be better than the Kuomintang forces whose forward elements are now roughly 25 miles from Mukden. The general said there was no information as to plans to move on to Harbin. Questioned as to what was causing the slowdown of the Kuomintang advance on Mukden he said the general was planning to go North to find out himself except that he was now awaiting the arrival of War Secretary Patterson early next week. Associated Press.

Konoye Suicide Legend De-Bunked

NEW YORK, JAN. 6. THE N.Y. TIMES IN AN EDITORIAL TO DAY ON PRINCE KONOYE'S PRE-SUICIDE "LEGEND," SAID THAT THE PRINCE HAD ADMITTED IN ADVERTISING THAT HE SOUGHT TO AVOID WAR BECAUSE HE THOUGHT JAPAN TOO WEAK TO EFFECT THE GREATER EAST ASIA CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE BY FORCE.

THE "TIMES" SAID: "LIKE MANY OTHER STATES MEN CONTEMPLATING THE RUINS CAUSED BY THEIR POLICIES, KONOYE PENNED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH AN APOLOGUE IN WHICH HE PUTS THE BLAME FOR THE PACIFIC WAR AND THE DISASTER TO HIS COUNTRY UPON EVERYBODY EXCEPT HIMSELF."

The paper discussed Konoye's claimed attempts to reach an agreement with the United States on China and Manchuria. It said that Konoye was no longer able to make good any proposals, because there Japanese army and navy were already fighting on Chinese soil and refused to get out of China, and through Konoye's hands, Japanese Ambassador to Wang Chung-wei and a senior statesman who outranked Matsunaka, had served a virtual ultimatum on the government and, inferentially, on the Emperor himself, to break off any negotiations toward the end and to fight Chiang Kai-shek.

ECHOES OF THE HOMMA TRIAL

Ex-Internee Journalist Reveals New Facts

Volunteer Offer Rejected

(By Ray Cronin).

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 6. GENERAL HOMMA'S TRIAL IN MANILA FOR THE ATROCITIES OF THE BATAAN "MARCH OF DEATH" BRINGS BACK TO AN EX-INTERNEE MEMORIES OF HOW HE HEARD ABOUT IT IN SANTO TOMAS CAMP AND HOW THE JAPANESE COMMAND REJECTED OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF THE HORRIBLE ORDEAL. TWO FILIPINO BOYS WHO WORKED FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BRAVED THE JAPANESE GUARDS AT SANTO TOMAS TO BRING EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE INFAMOUS MARCH. THEY TOLD OF WOUNDED AND SICK AMERICANS AND FILIPINOS PINNED TO THE GROUND WITH JAPANESE BAYONETS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T WALK, AND OF OTHERS LEFT TO DIE OF THIRST IN THE BURNING TROPICAL SUN, AND OF PROMISCUOUS KILLINGS OF OTHER KINDS.

At first the civilians of Santo Tomas appealed to the Japanese General Staff, headed by General Homma, to allow us to send medicine and food to the military prisoners. The reply was an order decreeing death to any person aiding a military prisoner in any way.

It was then that we appealed to Homma and his staff, through the American chairman of our camp, to permit us to raise a volunteer corps of able-bodied American civilians from the Santo Tomas population, corps that would surrender itself into the military prison camp at Cabanatuan to nurse the wounded and sick.

Several hundred volunteered promptly. The U.S. Navy nurses, captured at Cavite, wanted to go along.

THOUGHT THEM CRAZY. The Japanese Command kicked the idea around for six weeks. First they sent word the volunteers were crazy to want to leave a civilian internment camp for life in a military prison camp—an admission that Cabanatuan was a hell hole, as its skeleton-like inmates later confirmed after their dramatic release by American Alamo Scouts.

The Japanese quickly rejected the suggestion that female nurses might be allowed to go. Japanese insistence that the volunteers were out of their minds in wanting to undertake such a mission caused me to send the High Command word that we were ready to sign papers relieving the Japanese of any responsibility for our well-being as civilians.

After a month and a half came the final decision: the volunteers would not be permitted to go on an errand of mercy to Cabanatuan, where, because of lack of attention, scores of American soldiers were dying daily.

SMUGGLING RING. Our answer to this refusal was establishment of a ring through which we smuggled medicines and other necessities from Santo Tomas to Cabanatuan. At the head of this ring was Tony Escoda, Filipino newspaperman, graduate of Columbia university, pre-war editor of the Manila "Daily Bulletin."

He was the outside man who smuggled directly into Cabanatuan camp the contraband which could be slipped out of Santo Tomas.

The hazardous mission cost Tony his life, as well as the life of his American-educated wife, Joyce. They were executed by the Japanese.

Of the eleven original smugglers in the act-up, six are dead. Four of them died under Japanese swords. One was a victim of starvation, the sixth, suffering from malnutrition, failed to survive a surgical operation. Associated Press.

HOMMA'S CONTENTION

Manila, Jan. 6. The question of Manila having been declared an open city before the Japanese bombed it was brought up at the trial of Lieut-General Homma to-day before the American Military Commission.

Homma had contended that he had not been informed of General MacArthur's declaration until three days after Japanese bombers had pounded the capital.

A. L. Valencia, Associated Press reporter and Clarence Delalle, radio commentator, told of the last days of Manila when MacArthur declared it an open city to save it from destruction by Homma's forces.

Both testified that the "Open City" decree was broadcast in the English and Japanese languages and acknowledged in English by the Japanese radio before Homma's planes struck. Associated Press.

TEXAS TORNADO DEATHROLL

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 6. The toll of East-Texas tornadoes rose Saturday to 21 dead and 187 injured and one missing as rescue squads toiled through mud and heavy rains in search of additional casualties. The twisters left trails of wreckage in four east Texas counties. Associated Press.

Mahatma Raises Ghost

New Delhi, Jan. 6. Press dispatches from Bengal quote the Mahatma Gandhi as declaring, in a speech, that he believed Subhas Chandra Bose, Japan's puppet in the Indian nationalist movement during the war, is still alive and awaiting a propitious time to reappear. Bose was reported by Tokyo in mid-1945 to have been killed in an airplane crash. Associated Press.

NEW VERSION OF BOXER INDEMNITY?

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. A PLAN TO USE AMERICAN WAR SURPLUSES OVERSEAS TO FINANCE AN EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS IS SCHEDULED FOR SENATE ACTION SOON.

Chairman Ebert Thomas, Democrat, of Utah, said that a Senate military affairs subcommittee will conduct hearings on the proposal urged by the State Department.

Senator Fulbright, a former student at Oxford under the Rhodes scholarships, said he introduced legislation last month concerning the State Department plan and had asked public hearings early in 1946.

Fulbright's bill would give the State Department title to war-time surpluses now located in England, France, China, Australia and numerous other nations around the world.

"I doubt that we ever will be able to collect anything for these surpluses," Fulbright told a reporter.

He said his bill would permit the State Department to take credit in foreign currencies. These credits then could be used to send United States citizens to the foreign country for study, or to allow foreign students to come to this country.

"At least we would get something of value under the plan," Fulbright said.

Both Thomas and Fulbright called attention to the fact that the United States had used its share of indemnity from the Boxer Rebellion in China to finance study by Chinese students. Associated Press.

G.I.s Clutter Up The Colleges

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. THE UNITED STATES IS HEADED FOR THE GREATEST EDUCATIONAL JAM IN HISTORY AS THOUSANDS OF RETURNING WAR VETERANS SWAMP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITH ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS.

Already 125,000 veterans, financed under the GI Bill of Rights, are in college classes and 207,000 more have applied for entrance.

Dr. Francis Brown, Staff Associate of the American Council on Education, predicted in an interview that more than 600,000 will be in colleges and universities by autumn.

"This is creating a university crisis," said Dr. Brown. Thirty per cent of veterans are married. Ten per cent have children. This is in sharp contrast to the situation before the war, when the great majority of students were single.

"The housing problem is greatest at present but I hope legislation now pending in Congress will be approved and will help the situation. It provided \$107,000,000 for moving temporary war and defense housing to regions of greatest need."

Dr. Brown said that "big name" universities, and those in large urban areas were the first to be filled by returning G.I.s.

In addition to a substantial allowance, the veteran is given his tuition and certain other expenses. Associated Press.

DIDN'T BRING HOME A COCONUT

Toconoma, Wash., Jan. 6. Lt. Marvin Morefield is back from the Pacific with a bronze star, lots of souvenirs and a worried look.

His son, Michael, three, waiting for him at his home in Seattle, wanted a coconut.

That was the one thing Morefield didn't have. Associated Press.

JERSEY SAYS "IT'S AN ILL WIND...."

LONDON, JAN. 4. BECAUSE THE GERMANS OCCUPIED THE CHANNEL ISLANDS FOR FIVE YEARS, THE QUALITY OF JERSEY AND GUERNSEY PEDIGREE CATTLE MAY NOW BE BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE. THE GERMANS SEEM TO HAVE LEFT THE HERDS PRETTY MUCH ALONE DURING THE OCCUPATION. ALONE, THAT IS, UNTIL AFTER D-DAY.

Then, with no possibility of getting food for their garrison troops from France, and that garrison swollen by three-quarters of the St. Malo garrison after the American forces pressed on there, the Germans ordered his islanders to slaughter the cattle.

"But it didn't work out so badly," said Edward Ashby, secretary of the English Jersey Cattle Society. "The islanders set up a committee, and each herd in turn was required to produce an animal for the requirements of the garrison. In this way a lot of second-class beasts got slaughtered and in consequence the herds are probably better than they would be if they had kept every heifer, as they certainly would have done in peacetime."

STANDARD MAINTAINED. In spite of great difficulties, the islanders managed to keep up the herds' standard.

Previously all cattle feed, besides the rich Jersey grass, had been imported from abroad. With the occupation the islanders began to plant roots on the island, and produced the crops themselves. Every able bodied young man had been taken away to Germany, but the old men, helped by the women, worked in both Jersey and Guernsey—the average age of those who looked after the cattle during the last five years was 60—and the islanders' herded population, which in the case of Jersey alone is about 9,000 were fed and cared for.

CATTLE WILD. Guernsey had another headache, for it had all the Alderney herds too. That little island, evacuated at four hours notice one Sunday morning in early June, 1940, had shot most of its horses and dogs, and left the cattle wild as they fled.

But a few days later, and a mere three days before the Germans took Guernsey, the men went back in little boats and fetched off 400 animals which had been parcelled out among the Guernsey herds, and ultimately sold to them. It was impossible to keep the Alderney and Guernsey animals separate, but the states government have announced that they are shortly taking 200 head back to Alderney to repopulate the island with cattle. Associated Press.

Join The Army And Avoid Strife

Santa Ana, Cal., Jan. 6. The highest paid Private in history is getting out of the Army to return to his wife and 18 children in Tiffin, Ohio.

Private Nevin R. Haudenshild, 35, has been drawing U.S. \$320 a month in dependent's allowance, "but it takes that to feed a little flock like mine," he said.

He enlisted last June because, "frankly, it was a darned good way to support my family."

He trained at Shepard Field, Texas, and has been at the Santa Ana Army air base since allowances for children swelled his paycheck.

"It's going to be a tough pull to keep the family going after I get out," said Haudenshild.

Private Lawrence Slyman, father of 10 children, re-enlisted in the army with the comment:

"I'm not doing too badly as a civilian, but I can do very much better financially in the army."

As a civilian he received \$52 weekly; in the army he said he would get about \$330 a month, counting allowances for his children. Associated Press.

CIVILIAN JEeps

Toledo, Jan. 6. Production of civilian jeeps will be resumed this month by Willys Overland Motors, Mr. W. B. Faris, Operations Manager, announced.

Production was halted for 12 weeks because of a strike at the Warner Gear Co., Muncie, Ind., which supplies transmissions for the jeeps. Associated Press.

Japanese Cabinet And Purge

TOKYO, JAN. 6. PREMIER SHIDOHARA'S CABINET MET IN AN AFTERNOON SESSION THIS MORNING TO CONSIDER GENERAL MACARTHUR'S TWIN DIRECTIVES WHICH HEAVILY SHOOK JAPAN BY ORDERING THE OUSTING OF ALL PERSONS WHO HAD RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WAR.

Among the Cabinet, those who the newsmen said, came within the provisions of the directive.

The "Yomiuri" said that six Cabinet members should be removed and included Homma, Minister of War, and others who were directors of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, Chief Cabinet Secretary and Minister without portfolio, Daijishiro Togo, Agriculture Minister Kenzo Matsumura, Education Minister Tamao Maeda.

The Cabinet was still in session shortly before noon and there was no indication what action would be taken.

Most informed sources believed the Cabinet might attempt to continue by ousting certain members and making new appointments without the entire Cabinet resigning. The Social-Democratic Party however has demanded the resignation of the entire Shidohara Cabinet.

The newspaper "Asahi" in an editorial said that the Shidohara Cabinet should be brought to answer for its lack of ability and "irresponsibility." Associated Press.

Dojima, Jan. 6. The Foreign Ministry said today that Colombia has rejected Uruguay's proposal for multilateral intervention in affairs of the western hemisphere Republics for the purpose of protecting democratic ideals and the rights of man. Associated Press.

China still has some occupation troops in Indo-China where they disarmed the Japanese. She is also reported to have desired for a commercial outlet through Hainan. Associated Press.

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Indonesia Appoints Its Propagandist

Batavia, Jan. 6. Amir Sjarifuddin has resigned as Minister of Information in the Cabinet of the unrecognized Indonesian Government and was replaced by Muhammad Natsir, former member of the Indonesian National Cabinet. It was reported to-day, Sjarifuddin retained the portfolio of Minister of Security and has moved his headquarters to Jemberkarta, to be near the Peace Preservation Corps which he directs.

The Exchange Telegraph said in a Melbourne dispatch that Lieut-General L. H. Van Oyen resigned as Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch forces in the Netherlands East Indies because he disagreed with the policy of the Dutch Government regarding Java.

Premier Sultan Sjarif of the unrecognized Indonesian government meanwhile announced that the Japanese have selected the port of Cherbon on the north Java coast, 125 miles east of Batavia for the concentration of their troops pending their removal by the British. Associated Press.

GROZA TRIES TO BACK OUT

Bucharest, Jan. 6. The Government of Premier Petru Groza is reported to have refused to accept the candidates which opposition parties have named for Government posts under the terms of the agreement reached at the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference.

The agreement specified that Rumania's present leftist Government should be broadened as a preliminary to holding of "free and unfettered elections."

The opposition parties were said to have taken the position that the approval of their candidates rested with the Big Three Commission now in Rumania to supervise the Government.

Of the Big Three only Russia recognizes the Groza Government. Associated Press.

Atomic Control Commission

London, Jan. 6. The resolution proposing the creation of an Atomic Control Commission was filed with the United Nations Organisation just before the midnight deadline for submitting resolutions for the General Assembly session opening on Jan. 10.

The resolution, embodying the agreement reached on the subject in the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference was submitted by the British delegation on behalf of the United States, Britain, Russia, China and Canada.

A U.N.O. spokesman said that the delay in filing resulted from wireless communication failure between London and Moscow. He said formal comment by the Soviet Government was not received up to midnight but that a joint statement was accepted on the assumption that consent would be forthcoming from Moscow. Associated Press.

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Nationalisation Menace THROWING AWAY A GREAT IMPERIAL ASSET

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abandon its primacy in world tele-
communications.
That in brief is the meaning of
the decision of the British and Do-
minion Governments, tacitly
announced by the Chancellor of the
Exchequer a little time ago, to
nationalise their several sectors of
the telecommunications network
now owned and operated by Cable
& Wireless Ltd. and its sub-
sidiaries.

This decision though vociferously
applauded by the socialists, in
direct Britain did not originate
with them.

The initiative came from certain
of the Dominions with the more or
less lukewarm acquiescence of
others and compliant mediation
from London.

Discussions began last year cul-
minated in a unanimous agree-
ment at the Commonwealth Tele-
communications Conference held in
London last July.

In contrast with the ample publi-
city which normally attends inter-
imperial negotiations conferences
and resolutions the process of ar-
rival at the impending momentous
revolution in the Empire's Cable
& Wireless services has been
shrouded by a studied and all but
total official secrecy.

Prior to Mr. Dalton's unheralded
statement in the House of Com-
mons on Nov. 1 not a word had
been published even as to the de-
cisions of the July Conference far
less as to its proceedings.

To-day after a lapse of five
months the sole official disclosure
in the 170 words of Mr. Dalton's
statement.

The public is being denied all
but the barest bones of informa-
tion. A more glaring and more
undemocratic application of the
method of the fait accompli could
scarcely be imagined.

The basic fact is that Cable &
Wireless Ltd. with ramifications
not only throughout the Empire
but over a great part of the out-
side world is about to be broken
up into six area units owned re-
spectively by the Governments of
the United Kingdom, the four over-
seas dominions and India.

No public explanation has ever
been given if any complaint has
ever been laid against either the
quantity or the quality of the ser-
vices provided by Cable & Wireless
the complainants have kept it
strictly to themselves.

If any suggestions have ever been
made or substantiated that a dif-
ferent form of organisation could
provide better or cheaper services
that too is hidden in darkness.

It can be stated without fear
of contradiction that the decision
to make the change has nothing to
do with service or efficiency it is
wholly political.

In so far as exception may have
been taken by any dominion to the
main control being located in Lon-
don there are two things to be said.
First all the Governments con-
cerned exerted their influence in
the determination of broad policy
through the medium of the Com-
monwealth Communications Coun-
cil whose approval was required
for all changes in rates or services
and similar matters.

OFFER TO DOMINIONS
Secondly local control within the
existing framework could have
been secured by the offer of the
company to sell to local holders its

shares in the subsidiary companies
through which its services are
operated in the various dominions.
Moreover if the view was taken
anywhere that a disproportionate
share in the revenues gravitated to
London this difficulty could have
been met by the Empire pooling
scheme which the Company offered
to establish.

What some but not all of the
Governments desired was not only
local control but also public owner-
ship.

That of course could only be
achieved by a fundamental change
and there can be little doubt that
this factor overruled every other
reason or argument for making the

change now in contemplation.

The Government having accord-
ingly resolved to push Humphry
Dumpty off the wall then set to
work to put Humphry Dumpty to
rest again.

CENTRAL BOARD
The attempt is embodied in the
proposed new central board with
wide functions representing all the
Governments of the Common-
wealth to use the euphemistic uni-
formative phraseology of Mr. Dal-
ton's statement.

The Central Board it appears is
to comprise seven members that is
to say one each from the United
Kingdom, the four dominions and
India and one representing the Co-
lonial Empire.

Since the United Kingdom
Government is to own the Colonial
Empire system the position of the
last named member vis a vis his
six colleagues who will represent
proprietary rights seems somewhat
anomalous.

Moreover it is understood that
two of the dominion Governments
have signified their intention of
joining the Central Board only in
a consultative capacity.

Whether they have since mod-
ified their attitude is uncertain but
unless they have it is impossible to
see how the board could exercise
any executive functions at all.

AN INSOLUBLE DILEMMA
Let us however assume that
satisfactory arrangements have
been made as to the powers and
status of individual members.

We then come to a vital point of
procedure. May the decisions of
the Board be taken by a majority
or must they be unanimous?

In the first event the several
Governments would have acquired
sovereignty over their telecom-
munications only to surrender it
again to an over riding body.

In the second event the Board
would be effectually hamstringed.
Delay and compromise would be
the order of the day.

In an attempt to escape from
this insoluble dilemma it has ap-
parently been decided that a ma-
jority vote is valid except in mat-
ters of government policy when
any member can interpose his veto.
This provision, however, is ren-
dered nugatory by the condition
that any member has the right to
claim any issue as a matter of
Government policy which immedi-
ately restores the unanimity rule.

It is conceivable that such a
scheme may work better in prac-
tice than it might appear capable
of doing on paper.

It is wholly inconceivable that it
can work well as the unitary
system it is contrived to replace.
The scheme is in fact little more
than a flimsy facade concealing the
structural disintegration within.

EFFICIENCY MUST SUFFER
That a composite and ram-
shackle body of the kind proposed
will be able to assure an overall
administrative efficiency rivaling
the achievements of the existing
system can be dismissed as out of
the question.

The only direction in which it
might prove capable of salvaging
anything important from the
wreck of Cable & Wireless is re-
search.

A controlled Empire research
organisation is indeed essential if
the component units of the new
scheme are to have any hope of
keeping abreast of modern pro-
gress and American competition.

Worst of all any body of the
kind proposed will inevitably be in-
fluenced by the position of Cable
& Wireless to resist the conscious
pressure of America to encroach
on British telecommunications ter-
ritory both inside and outside the
Empire.

I have no space to describe in
detail the devious means employed
in pursuit of this policy but one is
worth noting before you read any more.

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second trick! Then he could re-
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heart trick as well as the inevit-
able diamond and two clubs.

Yesterday you were Merwin D.
Maiser's partner and, with both
sides vulnerable, you held:

S-K 5 3 2
H-Q J 6 4
D-7
C-K 6 5 8

The bidding:
Schenken Maier Jacoby You
1 H 2 D Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your black
Kings will be useful to your part-
ner at a diamond contract; his
diamonds may be useless to you
at any other contract.

Score 100 per cent for pass; 30
per cent for two no-trump.

QUESTION
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ken's partner and, with both sides
vulnerable, you hold:

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H-5 4 2
D-Q 9
C-K Q 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Maier You
1 H 2 D Dbl. (?)

What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

BRIDGE NOTES

One of the players committed a
Bridge Crime in to-day's hand:
see if you can spot both the crime
and the criminal!

South Dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
S 4 4 2
H Q 8 5
D A Q 7 6
C 9 4

S 7 6
H K 10 7 4 3
D 8 3 2
C K Q J
N 9 8 6 4
W 8 5
E 4 3 2
S 3 2
H A J
D 10 9 8
C 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 S Pass 2 D Pass
4 S Pass 5 S Pass

West opened the King of clubs,
holding the trick. He continued
with the Queen of clubs and then
shifted to the eight of diamonds.
Declarer finessed and East won
with the King of diamonds. East
returned the nine of hearts, but
South put up the heart Ace, drew
trumps, and discarded his heart
loser on one of dummy's long dia-
monds.

Something slipped somewhere—
but what was it and who was re-
sponsible? Try to find out for
yourself before you read any more.

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TOJO TRIAL TRIBUNAL IN DOUBT

Tokyo, Jan. 6.
With the prosecution's case
against General Hideki Tojo and
his Cabinet members shaping up
rapidly and the trials expected
to start shortly after the middle
of February, the composition of
the International Tribunal to try
the Japan war leaders still has
not been decided, a source close
to General MacArthur said to-day.

While some persons have been
discussed for membership in the
new Court no names have been
submitted to the Supreme Com-
mander for consideration, this
source said.

General MacArthur, as Supreme
Commander of the Allied Occu-
pation Forces, will determine the
composition and complexion of the
Court for which other countries
have been asked to make nomina-
tions. This source said that nor-
mally Courts appointed by a Mil-
itary Command are Military
Commissions or Military Courts.

Indictments against Tojo and
others are expected to be return-
ed shortly. Associated Press.

NOTIFICATION

The Commander-in-Chief has
appointed Mr. J. H. Taggart,
O.B.E., to be Industrial Adviser
to the British Military Adminis-
tration, Hong Kong.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an
Extraordinary General Meeting
of all members will be held on
Thursday, 10th January 1946 at
5.15 p.m. at the club premises,
First Floor, Queen's Building:-

1. To pass the minutes of the
last Extraordinary General
Meeting.
 2. To amend Article 4 of the
Constitution.
 3. To amend Article 5a and
5b of the Constitution.
- By order of the Committee.
O. C. LEOW,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

By kind permission a closed
business session luncheon will
be held at the Officers Club on
Tuesday 8th January. All
Rotarians who wish to renew
their association with Rotary
are asked to be present. Kindly
advise the undersigned by noon
on Monday 7th January.

E. J. R. MITCHELL
Lt.-Col.
Tel: 32305.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A Special Meeting of the
Members of the above Chamber
will be held in the Board Room
of Jardine Matheson & Company
Limited Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, at 5.30 o'clock in the
afternoon on Wednesday, the
23rd January, 1946. The object
of the Meeting is to appoint a
General Committee of ten persons,
Members of the Chamber.

Nominations for membership
of the General Committee are
invited and should be sent to the
undersigned on or before Sat-
urday, the 12th January, 1946.

Nominations must be in
writing and supported by the
names of six Members of the
Chamber and the nominees must
be British and members of
British Firms or Companies and
must state their willingness to
serve on the General Committee
in writing at the time of their
nomination.

After a General Committee
has been elected the Meeting
will be opened to the discussion
of the affairs of the Chamber
in general.

Lowe, Bingham & Matthews,
Mercantile Bank Building,
Hong Kong

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION HONG KONG BRANCH

A Preliminary Scouters Train-
ing Course will begin on
Tuesday, 8th Jan. 1946 at 8
p.m., at the old City Hall
Building, 1st floor. The Course
will extend over four weeks,
twice weekly on Tuesdays and
Fridays. All interested kindly
communicate with Deputy Col-
ony Commissioner c/o 13th
H. K. Chinese Y.M.C.A.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, HONG KONG.

NOTICE Frontier Bridge

The frontier road Bridge at
HEUNG TUNG will be closed
to all traffic from 6.00 p.m. 10th
January until 9.00 a.m. 11th
January for repairs.

R. C. de M. Leathers, R. M.
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
H. Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, HONG KONG

MEDICAL BRANCH NOTICE

The Public is again reminded
of the necessity for boiling fresh
milk before consumption as the
pasteurising plants are not yet
in operation.

Baw milk may carry various
types of infection and the fact that
the milk is in bottles should not
be regarded as a guarantee of its
safety.

J. P. FEHIGY, Col.,
D.D.M.S. (A.)

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, HONG KONG.

MEDICAL BRANCH Midwives.

With reference to my notice
of 31st December, 1945, con-
cerning registration of midwives,
it is hereby notified that the
retention fees may now be paid
to the Secretary, Midwives Board,
Post Office Building, 3rd floor,
on weekdays at the times stated
hereunder.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:
From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY:
From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY:
Closed
J. P. FEHIGY, Col.,
D.D.M.S. (A.),
January 4th, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, HONG KONG.

NOTICE POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH PASSPORT OFFICE

It is notified for information
that the telephone number of the
Passport Office is 39493.

C. H. SANSOM,
Colonel C.A. (Police),
Hong Kong.

4th January, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN- ISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH PASSPORT OFFICE

Persons desirous of obtaining
or renewing passports or other
travel documents in order to en-
able them to travel, are advised to
make their applications as early
as possible before the proposed
date of departure as, under exist-
ing conditions, it is not always
possible to provide the required
facilities at short notice.

C. H. SANSOM,
Colonel,
Passport Office.
31st December, 1945.

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ECHO OF LINDBERGH BABY CRIME

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 6. MANNFRIED HAUPTMANN, 12-YEAR-OLD SON OF THE MAN EXECUTED FOR THE KIDNAP MURDER OF THE LINDBERGH BABY, HAS BEEN NAMED A BENEVOLENT IN THE WILL OF AN ELDERLY SPINSTER.

The will of Miss Emily Kurtz, of East Orange, bequeathed Bruno Hauptmann's son, Miss Kurtz's young account with the Central Savings Bank, downtown branch, New York City.

In her will, Miss Kurtz commented on the Hauptmann case as follows:

"In making this bequest, I state that while I do not know either him or any member of his family, I have for some time been of the opinion that this lad is and will continue to be handicapped in life and should like to extend to him some aid in his unusual struggle for existence."

Bank officials declined to give the total in the account, but stated close to the family estate. Young Hauptmann would receive about \$500.

Miss Kurtz, of German descent, died on Nov. 4 at the age of 85.

Her will also included bequests to educational and charitable institutions in the United States, Germany, Spain, Turkey, and Italy. The estate is estimated at \$100,000. Associated Press.

AMERICAN SECURITY PACT PLANS

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 6. Brazil is going ahead with plans for holding an inter-American conference, once postponed at the request of the United States, with the object of writing a hemisphere security pact.

Foreign Minister Pedro Lobo Veloso hopes to set the date for late March.

Apparently Argentina will participate unless there should be some joint hemisphere action requesting that she refrain from doing so.

The original date set was October 20, but the United States announced then that she was not willing to sit in the same room as the Argentine. Associated Press.

U.N.O. HEADQUARTERS

New York, Jan. 6. The United Nations Organization Site Committee arrived in New York today on a survey mission.

They will survey the East seaboard to find a site for the permanent home of the United Nations Organization. Reuter.

London, Jan. 6. The Hiltreum Radio said yesterday that the Netherlands Government has set Dutch claims of war reparations from Germany at 5,000,000,000 Guilders. Associated Press.

NOTICE

DR. S. S. RAMLER has removed his office from Exchange Bldg., 3rd floor, to WINDSOR HOUSE, 5th floor. Tel. 26545-23379.

KO SHING THEATRE

115, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST

CHINESE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

TUESDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1946

From 8.00 to 10.30 p.m.

CORDIAL INVITATION

TO

MEMBERS OF H. M. FORCES

CHINESE ENTERTAINMENT ORGANISATION FOR THE BRITISH FORCES

100 Liberty Ships For Japs

Tokyo, Jan. 6. Informed sources reported today that 100 Liberty ships will be turned over to the Japanese for repatriation of Japanese in China and South Sea points.

It is understood that Japanese would man the vessels under an agreement. No estimate is given on the number of Japanese to be repatriated.

High Allied officials confirmed reports that the ships will be used to supplement the landing ships now repatriating Japanese troops and civilians from China and Korea.

The Liberties will be probably used first between China and Japan.

Reconverting ships for use by the Japanese is a tremendous task. It was reported, since the new existing American markings must be stamped out and replaced with Japanese figures.

Japanese crews will be recruited both from former Japanese merchantmen and navy ranks. Associated Press.

Lebanon Opposes Levant Accord

Beirut, Jan. 6. The Lebanese Government reiterated its demand today for a speedy evacuation of all foreign troops and said it would refuse to permit the establishment of any foreign military base within its territory.

A government statement said it would not permit any foreign power to obtain a preponderant position in Lebanon, and it was indicated here that the Lebanese United Nations delegation would take steps, the nature of which was not disclosed, to attain these demands.

The British French agreement on the Levant provides for the withdrawal of troops from Syria, French troops being scheduled to be moved to bases in Lebanon. Associated Press.

KIWIS PLAY AT CARDIFF

Cardiff, Jan. 5. A crowd of 28,000, including Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and General Freyberg, V.C., watched one of the titbits of the season in the Rugby match today between a New Zealand Army touring team and the Kiwis and Wales.

It was a forward battle with the Welsh forwards surprising the Kiwis of their own game of clean handling and keen tackling. The Kiwis were lucky when a penalty kick went inches wide.

At half-time neither side had scored. Reuter.

SLAYING OF PRIESTS ALLEGED

Vatican City, Jan. 6. An unofficial news service bulletin here today quoted an unnamed Croatian who recently fled from Yugoslavia as saying that 615 priests have been killed in Yugoslavia.

The bulletin added that "religious persecution continues, as strongly as before." Associated Press.

POPE'S ENCYCLICAL

Vatican City, Jan. 6. The Pope today issued an Encyclical letter appealing for aid for homeless children and war orphans.

He said there are up to 1,000,000 children who lack the necessities of life and are suffering from cold, hunger and disease. Associated Press.

ROYAL NAVY OFF TO FINE START

ROYAL NAVY FOOTBALL TEAMS WERE IN THE LIMELIGHT IN THE OPENING GAMES OF THE REHABILITATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE OVER THE WEEK-END WHEN THEIR "B" TEAM SCORED A MERITORIOUS WIN OVER KWONG WAH AND THEIR "A" HELD A FORMIDABLE EASTERN TEAM TO A DRAW.

THE EXHIBITIONS OF THE CHINESE TEAMS WERE MOST DISAPPOINTING WHILE THE CIVILIAN "A" AND "B" TEAMS, THOUGH BEATEN BY SOUTH CHINA AND ROYAL ENGINEERS, RESPECTIVELY, GIVE PROMISE OF DEVELOPING INTO GOOD SIDES.

Yesterday South China beat Civilian "A" by two clear goals but their display was not at all impressive and with a full and fit team Civilian "A" would have won.

POOR FOOTBALL

In a game devoid of excitement Civilian "A" went down by two clear goals to South China in the Rehabilitation Football League on the Sookunpo ground.

The game was of a low standard and mediocre soccer was witnessed by a fairly large attendance. Though defeated, the Civilian team put up a good show.

They were one man short throughout, losing their goalie, Macdonald, early in the game. Macdonald broke a finger in trying to stop Lee Tak-ke's spot kick.

The losers undoubtedly lacked practice but there were occasions on which they showed possibilities. They possessed a strong defence with Collier a tower of strength as centre-half. Collier hails from Macao and should make a name for himself locally. A speedy and fast center, he was a great spoiler.

Hussain and D. Leonard were a pair of sturdy backs though the latter did not last the course. Hussain, who deputised for Macdonald, gave a creditable performance and only let one shot past him.

A. W. Lock, who has played good class soccer at Home, appeared more at steady in the earlier stages but improved immensely in the second half. Among the forwards Bertie Gosano worked hard but lacked support, especially so when Roeha dropped back to defence where he played a big part in stopping Lee Tak-ke.

South China had two new comers, from Macao, in Tang Yee-ki and Tam Kar-chun, who made a reputation in the Portuguese port. They played a good game, individually, but have yet to show better understanding of the other forwards.

The main strength of South China lay in their intermediate line where Leung Wing-chiu and his wing halves, Kwok Yanki and Lau Wing-kwok, offered perfect coverage. The Kam-hung was the better of the two backs while Sammy Tsang had an easy afternoon before the post.

Play opened evenly with the Chinese showing better combination. Chow Man-chi initiating some nice movements. Hussain and Leonard, however, were over a stumbling block.

After about 10 minutes play the Chinese were awarded a penalty for a foul against Hussain. Lee Tak-ke's nothing from the free kick. Macdonald in attempting to reach the ball broke a finger of his right hand.

The standard in the second half, if anything was poorer than the first. Civilian suffered more injuries and no less than three players were seen limping. Decidedly they made several gallant efforts to break through. Monie Kaylor was seen in some individual moves, and was the only player to test Tsang—the only shot sent in by the losing forwards.

The Chinese second goal came late in the second half. Tam Kar-chun heading in following a scrimmage.

The teams were:

South China: Sammy Tsang; Lau Yu-shun, Tso Kam-hung; Kwok Yanki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Wing-kwok; Tam Kar-chun, Tang Yee-ki, Lee Tak-ke, Chow Man-chi and Lee Tin-kee.

Civilian: "A": T. Macdonald; Hussain, Leonard; A. W. Lock, A. Collier, T. Alyes, M. Xavier, R. Rocha, B. Gosano, J. Pereira and H. Mathias.

BY THE ODD GOAL

A high standard of football was witnessed at King's Park in the Royal Navy "B" beat Kwong Wah by 3-2.

Navy gave a very good display, and their forwards showed excellent combination. The sailors attacked right from the beginning but odd work on the part of Ho Ka-keung whiffed off every attack.

About ten minutes from the start, Freeman, notified from 20 yards, five minutes later Porteous, from the right corner, centred to Morgan who wasted no time.

Towards the end of the first half Cheuk Shek-kam scored through a penalty. Two minutes later Freeman netted another and made the score 3-1.

The Chinese started off the second half with a burst of energy and were on the offensive for some time. However their forwards lacked combination and missed many chances.

Morgan, Navy, centre-forward,

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| South China | 2 | Civilian "A" | 0 |
| Lee Tak-ke and Tam Kar-chun | | | |
| Royal Navy "B" | 3 | Kwong Wah | 2 |
| Freeman (2) and Porteous | | Cheuk Shek-kam and Fung Kwan-shing | |

hurt his right knee but stayed on "tough" obliged to leave the field for a few minutes on many occasions.

About five minutes before the end, Wong King-chung centred and Fung Kwan-shing made no mistake two yards from the goal. Griffiths hit the post with a terrific drive and the game ended with the Navy leading 3-2.

Wong King-chung was the outstanding player on the field followed by Porteous and Crawford. Six of the Navy team were from the "Nabette".

Kwong Wah were below their usual standard as a number of their stars were playing for other Chinese teams.

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The following is the Soccer programme for the coming week-end:

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South China v. H. Engineers (Sookunpo ground, at 3.30 p.m.)

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Linesmen:—P. O. Noble and F. A. Barretto.

Navy "A" v. Civilian "B" (Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.)

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Linesmen:—A. Adhead and L. S. T. Mullins.

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Linesmen:—L. G. G. Young and A. C. Roberts.

EASTERN v. Kwong Wah (Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.)

Reference:—C.P.O. Barlett.

Linesmen:—Lac. J. Anderson and A. R. Samy.

R.M.E. SPORTS MEETING

Keen competition was witnessed at Sookunpo yesterday when the athletic sports of the Royal Marines Engineers was held.

The individual championship was won by Murphy of "C" Company with nine points, the inter-company title going to "A" Company.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were distributed by Lieut.-Colonel G. W. Roberts, who congratulated the competitors and thanked the organisers for all that they had done to make the meeting so successful.

RESULTS

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Flint; 2, Wilde; 3, Harcroft; 4, Chaplain; 5, Staples; 6, Faires; 7, Slater.

Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Adams; 2, Murphy; 3, McCormack.

High Jump:—1, Brockhurst; 2, McCormack; 3, Staples.

220 Yards:—1, Murphy; 2, Flint; 3, Nathan.

Obstacle Race:—1, Murphy; 2, Moore; 3, Sneedon; 4, Mainwaring; 5, Sneedon; 6, McCormack.

Three-Logged Race:—1, Faires and Carruthers; 2, Murphy and Hampton.

Half Mile:—1, Sneedon; 2, Moorehouse; 3, McIntyre.

Blind-fold Boxing:—1, Harle; 2, Strange.

Inter-Platoon Relay:—1, "A" Company; 2, "C" Company.

Crash Cut Saw Competition:—1, Fairo and Williams; 2, Walters and McIntyre; 3, Sneedon; 4, Mainwaring.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Harrison and Carruthers; 2, Cairns and Walters.

Putting the Shot:—1, Walters; 2, Faires; 3, White.

Hurdles:—1, Faires; 2, McCormack.

WAY FOONG NOSED OUT

(By "ONLOOKER")

Before a large crowd of softball fans and beauties yesterday's two softball League tilts saw the Way Foong taken out from the aspired ranks of the undefeated by Doc Moithen's "Playboy" Basebatters 7-5 in a nine innings encounter, while the Madcaps' claim to be among the top-notchers was powerfully augmented with an overwhelming victory over a much depleted Cyclone contingent 8-7.

Play in the Way Foong-Basebatters tussle in the first six frames was a ding-in-a-dong-in with the lead changing hands again and again. Then came a blazing "pong-pong"—that was the signal for the "Playboy" Basebatters concentrated hitting attack. The score was 5-5 when the Basebatters were at the end of the seventh and eighth cantos.

In the ninth inning, the Basebatters pushed out dummy after dummy which had the Way Foong infield wild. The Way Foong boys were sure wild and the Basebatters went haywire with glee! At the end of this rough and tumble, with the Way Foong as the stars, the Basebatters had scored two tallies which put the game on ice.

Dave "Bambino" Leonard was the apple of the Ball Fans eyes—and incidentally of the Missus' eyes too!—when he made in spectacular fashion a double play at third base. He and Arturo "Lil' Mite" Ozorio and Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard turned in a display which was more than worthy of the confidence placed in them and shone much brighter than the rising sun, whilst Bertie and Gerry Gosano were the spotlight of the game for the losers.

Though beaten credit must be given to the Way Foong for having usual standard as a number of their stars were playing for other Chinese teams.

The teams were:

Royal Navy "B": Bax; Hogg; Lodge; Willis, Benson, Ponton (Captain); Porteous, Crawford, Morgan, Freeman and Griffiths.

Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-ki; Wong Shuk-ke; Ho Ka-keung; Chang Yun-ki, Lau Chung-kwan, Yee-yeo Tse-chung; Ho Ying-fun, Lau Wing-kui, Fung Kwan-sing, Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

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BASKETBALL

The visiting Canton Youth Corps team continued their winning streak and defeated a formidable Chinese "Y" team by 45-39 at the "Y" gym on Saturday night.

Seldom have local fans seen such good basketball as has been put up by the visitors. They are meeting the New First Army in their final game.

RECORD SURVIVES

The Canton Youth Association retained their unbeaten record by beating the Chinese First Army by 44-43 last night.

In the last few minutes, the Chinese Army were leading by one point, but just before the end, Lee Tak-nien scored with a good shot to rattle the side victory.

REPLACEMENTS FOR NORTH CHINA MARINES

Tientsin, Jan. 6. More than 5,000 Marine officers and men will sail for Home about Jan. 10 aboard the U.S.S. "Wakefield," a fast army transport, after the ship delivers an equal number of replacements to the 3rd Amphibious Corps at Tientsin and pick up the 6th Division at Tientsin. The trip to San Diego is expected to require ten days. Associated Press.

Members of the Civilian football team are requested to turn out for practice to-morrow and Thursday at Sookunpo at 5 p.m.

Karachi, Jan. 6. The British Parliamentary Goodwill Mission to India arrived here to-day and will go on to New Delhi to-morrow. Reuter.

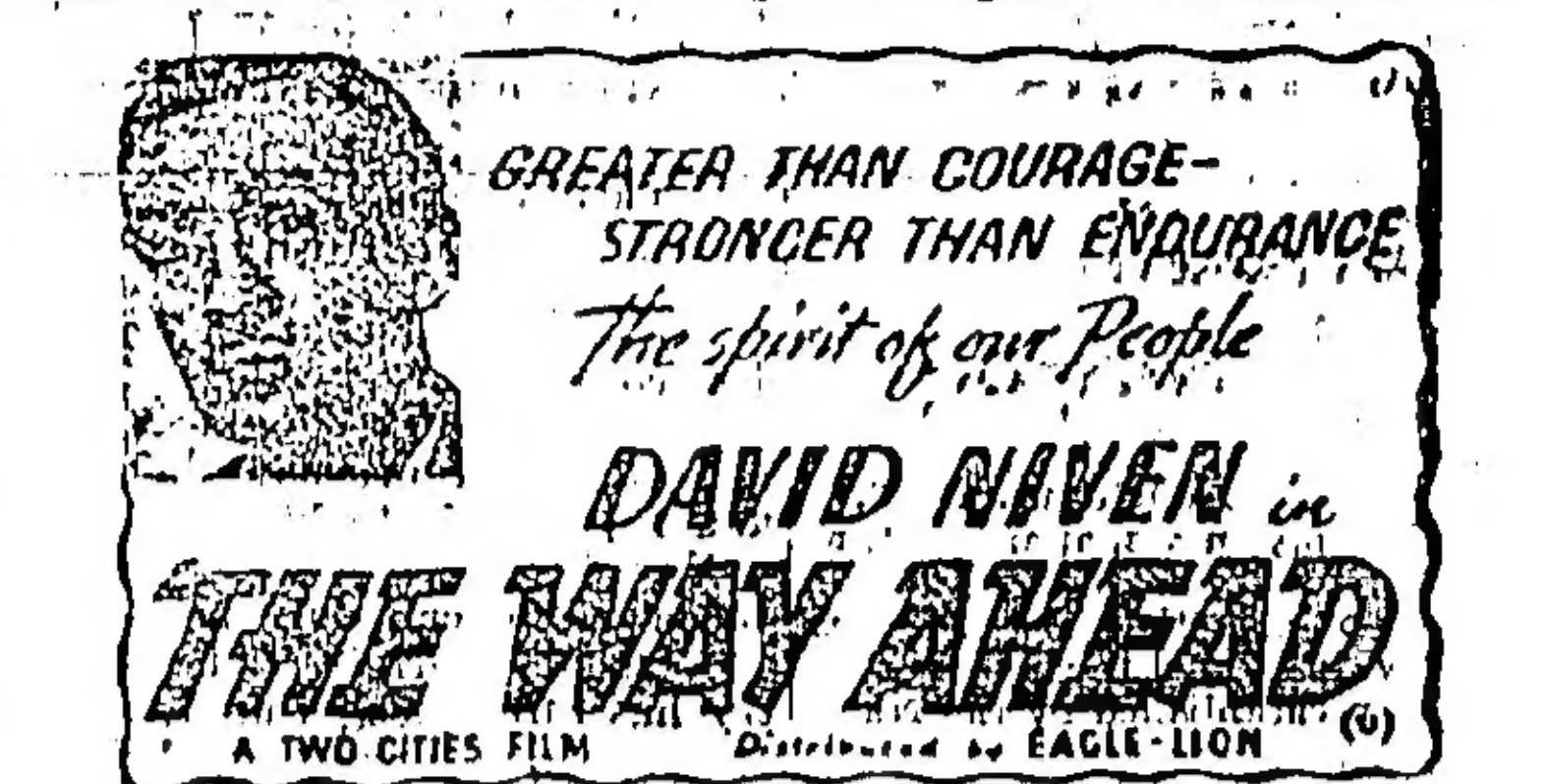
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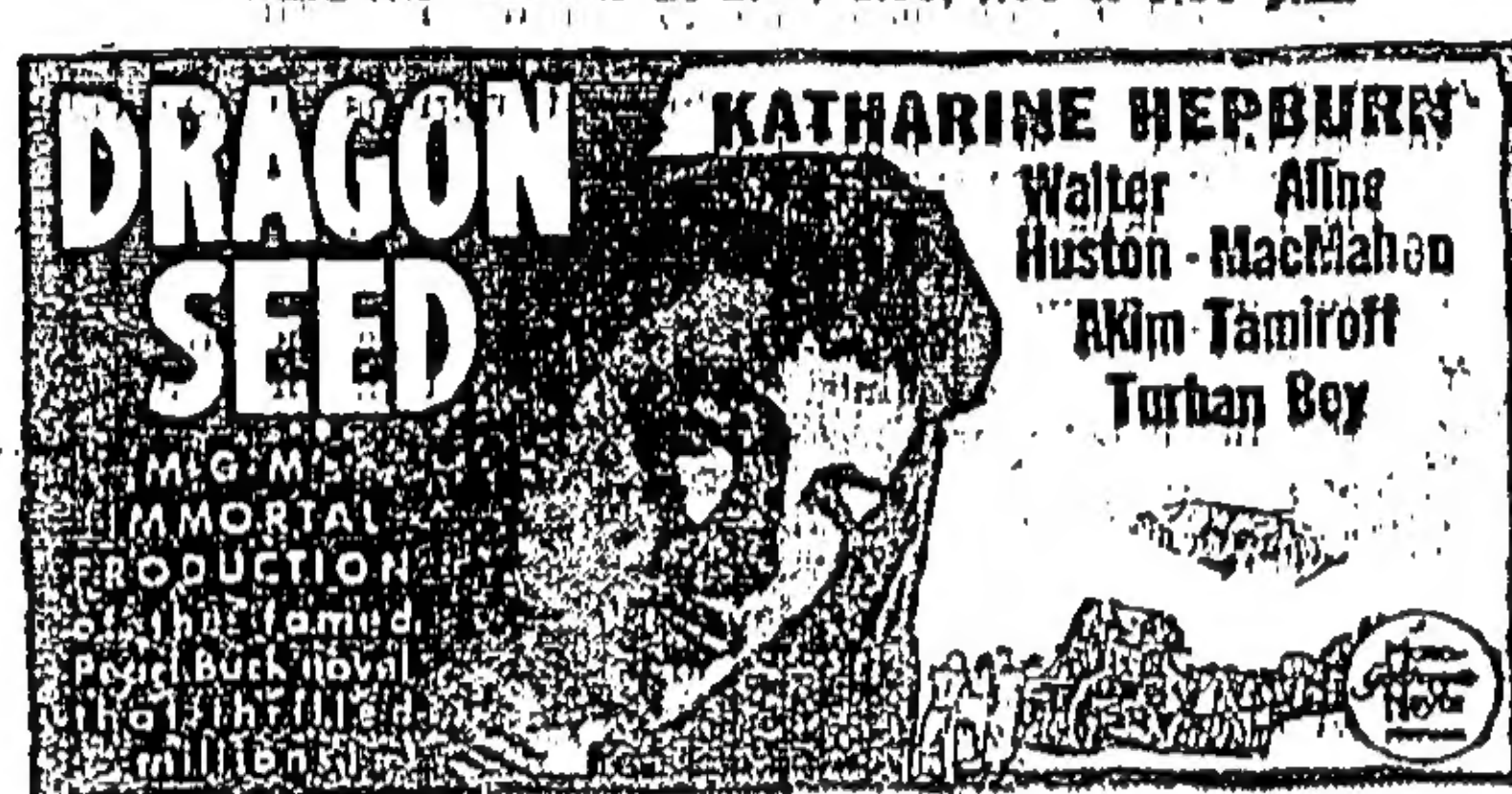
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A meeting of the Management Committee of the Rehabilitation Football League will be held to-morrow at 5.15 in the office of Messrs. Lee and Co.

30 Coupons—But They Don't Make A Well-Dressed Woman

New Drops In American Point Scores

Honolulu, Jan. 6. The Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" today said that another drop in critical point scores for Navy personnel through March 2 has been established by the Navy Department.

The newspaper reported that point scores for male enlisted personnel with the exception of unclassified rates will drop to 33 on Feb. 15, and 32 on March 2. Enlisted male madmen points will drop to 34 on Feb. 15, and thereafter will be the same as the unrestricted male enlisted personnel.

Male commissioned warrant officers, except officers classified in the medical corps and naval aviators in flight status, will be 40 points on Feb. 15, and 39 on March 2. Male medical corps officers scores will be 49 on March 2. Naval aviators in flight status will remain at 29. Discharge points for aviators above the rank of ensign will be 27 on Feb. 15, and 26 on March 2.

Male specialists in shore patrol who are key watch operators will be eligible for discharge on Feb. 15 and thereafter at the score for unrestricted male personnel.

Male C. B. stokers, stewards, water tenders, machinists and electrician mates scores will be 33 on Feb. 15, and 32 on March 2.

Other qualifications vary between 35 and 40. Associated Press.

ARABS ADAMANT

Cairo, Jan. 6. Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Secretary-General of the Pan Arab League, today said that the Arab states would not accept any peace treaty in which they do not participate. He protested against the exclusion of the Arab states from the Peace Conference for Germany's satellites, planned by the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference. Associated Press.

Hunt For Slayers Of U.S. Airmen

TOKYO, JAN. 6. AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE CONDUCTING A SEARCH FOR THE JAPANESE WHO ARE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF 38 U.S. AIRMEN WHO BAILED OUT OVER THE NAGOYA AREA LAST SUMMER.

Seventy American airmen are known to have fallen at Nagoya, Japan's hard hit third city. Investigation showed that 44 have survived. Only six were made prisoners of war, while the remaining 38 were executed.

Lieut. Ralph Jones, of Allied Headquarters legal section, announced that the "persons responsible are being apprehended and will be prosecuted."

He said the suspects were primarily army personnel.

Jones said a report by the Criminal Investigation Section had established that eleven of the airmen received summary trials which lasted an hour or so. They were killed "the same day." All the 11 men were beheaded, Jones said, and most of the remainder are believed to have suffered the same death.

Their bodies were cremated and the remains scattered, some deposited at military cemeteries and others buried at the scene of the execution.

Only 14 Americans have been definitely identified as yet. Their names have been withheld until after their next of kin have been notified. The time of the executions was fixed as from mid-July to the end of the war.

Jones said that the 11 Americans were placed on trial on charges of "indiscriminate bombing." Others among the 38 victims received a "trial in theory" which consisted of Japanese "investigation." Associated Press.

London, Jan. 6. The British-American Palestine Commission will begin discussions in Washington tomorrow regarding the question of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

The Commission, consisting of six British and six American members, will hear evidence from twenty-five witnesses, including Zionists, anti-Zionists, Christians and Jews.

Later, the Commission will break up into sub-committees to study the Jewish problems in Palestine and Europe.

There will also discuss the charges made by General Morgan, head of the U.N.R.R.A. in Germany, who recently asserted that the Jews were making a second exodus from Europe.

It is reported that General Morgan has been asked to resign his post. Reuter.

At the same time, the organization, the French Central Committee of the International League, against Racism and

Paris, Jan. 6. The French Ministry of Production gave the French people a Christmas and New Year present of 30 clothing coupons per head. The present, like most presents in France now was modest enough for these 30 coupons are by no means equivalent to 30 British clothing coupons.

To buy one coat in France, 120 coupons are needed while a skirt requires 18. For a woman, 30 coupons represent one skirt and a pair of stockings.

Nor do these coupons include shoes which can only be bought on a special permit. The Ministry has announced that the general quota of walking shoes is to be more than doubled, which is none too soon since there is scarcely a pair of walking shoes to be had in Paris.

The drastic clothing shortage in France is primarily due to the general industrial stoppage which hits the clothing industry particularly hard as it is not scheduled as an "essential."

The new electricity restrictions will reduce the working week in the industry to three days, but on the other hand, there is room for optimism in the resumed imports of wool and cotton, and the building up of important stocks in the northern industrial regions of the country.

"FLEA MARKET"

One remarkable fact about the clothing situation in France is that now, after eight months of peace, the army and administration still consume 60 per cent of raw material. A return to normal conditions, however, is in sight, for it is stated that an order for 13,500,000 yards of material passed by the French and American military authorities and by the French administration to the clothing manufacturers will be filled by next summer. By the end of 1946, the average Frenchman may have a new suit to replace his present patched and shiny garments.

With regard to this question of suits, worn and dirty uni-

forms are being sold by American soldiers leaving France to be demobilized at something like 35 francs a kilo (H.K.\$3 for two pounds of clothing). These uniforms, cleaned and disinfected, are turning up at the Paris "Flea Market" (Paris's Caldonian Market) and priced between 600 to 700 francs (H.K.\$48 to \$66).

Meanwhile, the Paris fashion shops openly sell all kinds of luxury clothes which cost a fortune.

One frock in Paris's Bond Street costs more than what an unskilled worker earns in two months. And for these there is no need to worry about ration books or austerity standards. Reuter.

China Cease Fire Agreement

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He said he could not tell when the "cease fire" order would be issued.

The text of the agreement announced, as translated by Wu, is:

"With regard to procedures for the cessation of hostilities and the restoration of communications, submitted respectively, the sides have reached an agreement. In accordance with procedures agreed upon, they have nominated Gen. Chang Chun for the Government and Chou En-lai for the Communist Party to confer with each other for carrying out the procedures." Associated Press.

COMMUNISTS ANNOYED

Chungking, Jan. 6. Communist quarters in Chungking today said that a written protest would be presented to the government if the Nationalists failed to halt their thrusts into Jehol. The statement was made as the Nationalists claimed further gains including the capture of Peking on the Chinghai-Chengtu railroad, 60 miles northwest of Chungking.

Meanwhile the country waited the Government's response to the note in which the Communists agreed "in general" with its true proposals but required the lifting of the Nationalist blockade of Communist areas and restoration of all means of communication.

In Chungking, Lo Lung-chi, official spokesman for the Democratic League, described the Communist reply as fair and said "we hope the two sides can come to an agreement. General Marshall's influence can help a great deal."

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Pres. Grant's Silk Cargo

San Francisco, Jan. 6. The first raw silk shipment from the Orient since the war arrived in San Francisco Saturday aboard the American President line new freighter, S.S. "President Grant."

The ship made the trip with 600 bales of silk from Hong Kong in 16 days. Company officials said they believed it a record trip for a cargo carrier of the Grant's type. Associated Press.

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BLACK MARKET WAR

Remarkable Business Along Swiss Frontier

Rising Toll Of Casualties

Berne, Jan. 6. A small-scale guerilla war is in progress on the snow-capped mountains of the Italo-Swiss frontier region where large bands of armed Italian smugglers are trying to infiltrate into Switzerland.

Not a single day passes without skirmishes on the desolate mountain tracks between smugglers and frontier guards and there is a rising toll of dead and wounded on both sides.

The Swiss authorities state bluntly that in spite of harsh winter conditions with the threat of avalanches—a number of bands have already been buried—contraband activities are increasing. The smugglers are also reported to be receiving increasing help from the Swiss population living in the frontier area.

The main commodities brought into Switzerland are rice and sugar, which